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Centre fights new scourge

DRUGS

Streetworks program dealing with rise in fentanyl



**Ryan
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The cramped Streetworks office in the Boyle Street Community centre has lots of warning signs.

The latest warning on the wall is about "Oxy's with blue and green spots," a signal the drug is likely fentanyl, a much more powerful drug.

Fentanyl has led to an epidemic of overdoses on the Blood Tribe in southern Al-

berta, leading the reserve to begin issuing the drug naloxone to users. Naloxone is essentially an antidote to an overdose, which Streetworks has been distributing for 10 years.

Marliss Taylor, who oversees Streetworks, said the drug works on any opioid overdose, which is why when they can afford to, they stock it.

"When someone overdoses, they are reluctant for help. It is one time when you call for help and the police will likely appear," she said. "This is a way people can help themselves."

Last week, police announced an Edmonton seizure of thousands of fentanyl pills, valued at more than \$550,000.

Taylor said they are definitely seeing more of the drug and worry about first-time drug users.

"They're playing around with something that is way more powerful than they thought and I don't think people should die from that," she said.

Taylor said when they first launched the program in 2005, 18 per cent of the people who received naloxone after being trained used it during an overdose.

She said it has a surprising impact on people.

"Often they moderate their own use and take on a responsibility like of a designated driver."

She said right now they do the best they can to stock the drug, but their budget is very tight.

"We just scrape together any money we can find," she said. "One of the nurses runs it off the side of his desk."



Marliss Taylor, program manager of Streetworks, stands in front of one of the group's many warning signs for drug users. The agency has started warning its clients about the dangers of fentanyl.

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It's amazing how much of this stuff we take for granted, until it's gone! Ian adds, "I often recommend that LeafSource™ be taken with other natural joint products in order to help them work better and provide even faster relief. One of the things I hear most often from people who have tried LeafSource™ is they just plain feel better, have more energy and less pain. We're so confident, we guarantee LeafSource™ 100%! That alone should be enough to try this incredible product."

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Controversial arts centre project set for its curtain call

DEVELOPMENT

Backers depended on provincial funding



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The controversial downtown Galleria project appears dead after the province declined to offer any funding for it in last week's budget.

The planned arts centre was to include several new theatres downtown, near the new Royal Alberta Museum, and the anchor for the proposal was a plan for the University of Alberta to move its Fine Arts faculty to the site, in a long-term lease.

That lease was to be backed by the provincial government, but that same government said definitively Monday there will be no cash.

"There is no funding for the Galleria project, period," said Craig Loewen, a spokesperson for advanced education minister Donald Scott.

"Given the fiscal circumstances we are in, there is not a lot of money for capital projects."

+ NUMBERS

When it was first announced, the Galleria project proposed to build:

- A 1,600-seat theatre.
- A 650-seat theatre/cert hall.
- A 200-seat recital hall
- A 200-seat black box theatre.
- A new home for the University's Fine Arts faculty.
- A new commercial office tower.

The province has \$1.1 billion budgeted for post-secondary capital projects over the next five years, but none of that money is allocated to the Galleria project.

The government is reducing the amount schools will get in operating money as well, with a four-per-cent cut over the last two years.

The Galleria, initially pitched as four new theatres at a cost of \$1 billion, has since been put into two phases so not all the money would be needed upfront. Godfrey Huybregts, a spokesperson for the project, confirmed that they do need the government's contribution to put shovels into the ground.



The proposed Galleria project counted on the University of Alberta moving some of its students to the facility, which was not provided for in the budget. CONTRIBUTED

"Phase 1 is dependent on the U of A signing a lease with us," Huybregts said. "In terms of getting that funding in place that is something we would secure before we could actually physically start building."

Huybregts said the govern-

ment would not be asked for a direct contribution, just a guarantee that they would pay for the lease costs on a new building for the university.

He said they also don't need the money right away, just the commitment.

"The lease payment would not start for two or three years from now," he said.

Huybregts said the Galleria foundation hasn't heard directly from the province about their future.

"We have not had that con-

+ MONEY

In addition to proposed contributions from fundraising and the City of Edmonton, the project's backers proposed to get a mortgage for the project, with the university's lease as collateral.

The city has offered land for the facility and \$7.5 million for a pedway on the site, but that money was contingent on provincial funding coming forward.

It was the first proposed P4 (philanthropic, public and private partnership) in the city's history. The foundation hoped that in addition to paying for the costs of the mortgage, the project would create a fund to support artistic production.

veyed to us directly either by the university or by the government," he said.

He said the site hinges on the University of Alberta signing a lease and they don't have another plan for going ahead with the project.

"It's not on our radar. As far as we are concerned the university is still fully committed."

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TRANSIT

City seeks certainty on west LRT cash

City officials are raising concerns the long-demanded LRT extension to Edmonton's west end could be in jeopardy after the recent austerity budget cast doubts on promised provincial money needed for the project by 2017.

"The day after the southeast (Valley Line LRT) is done, my expectation is we are building west," Coun. Andrew Knack said in an interview Monday. "In order for that to happen, the money needs to be in place by end of 2017."

The province has already committed \$250 million out of Edmonton's allocation of \$800 million of its GreenTRIP pot for the Valley Line.

City officials are hoping a second round of GreenTRIP dollars pulls through to fund the west portion of that LRT line. But Knack said he isn't certain the needed money from Alberta will be in place.

"I'll believe it when I see it," he said. "I've heard from provincial officials that it's going to

happen, there's going to be a second version of it, (but) let's see it and then I'll feel comfortable."

"We all want that commitment for that certainty."

Knack added that the LRT extension, which will take trains to Lewis Estates, can't be built without the federal and provincial commitment that he is assured both levels of government will keep.

"The good news is if the federal government comes in 2015 with a (funding) strategy, the province is bound to follow next year," Knack said.

Alberta Transportation officials said in an interview they haven't seen applications for the west-end LRT extensions yet, so it is too early to say if dollars will or won't be set aside for it.

Edmonton is close to reaching the \$800 million total in GreenTRIP dollars for transit projects, with city officials anticipating more dollars to come in a new GreenTRIP fund.

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COURT

Injunction to stop early vote denied

Premier Jim Prentice can ask for an election whenever his heart desires after an Edmonton judge tossed out an application aimed at forcing the premier to follow the fixed-election-date law.

Justice Kenneth Nelsen ruled Monday that a proposed injunction against an early election wasn't necessary. While he didn't entirely dismiss the application, he said he believed the legal issues are largely settled.

"I'm not satisfied there is a serious issue to be tried," he said in his ruling.

Under then Premier Alison Redford, the legislature passed a bill last year fixing a three-month window in spring 2016 for the next election, but all signs point to Prentice going to the polls far sooner than that.

Nelsen said the fixed-election-date law ultimately recognized the authority of the lieutenant-governor to call an election whenever he sees fit.

He said in this instance, the government appears set to run on the recently announced budget, allowing Albertans to weigh in.

"The electorate will have an opportunity to vote on the budget, which they otherwise may not ever have the oppor-

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Justice Kenneth Nelsen

tunity to vote on," he said.

Tom Engel, an Edmonton lawyer who brought the application, said his team would review the decision and decide on a next step, but he wants to hold the government to its promises.

It's a matter of protecting our democracy," he said.

Former Sturgeon County mayor Don Rigney said he wanted to run in 2016 but can't this year. He said the government's move is deeply disappointing.

"They levelled the playing field by passing the election law and the first time the premier has to play on that field, he tries to tilt it back in his favour."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO



Health Minister Stephen Mandel and Premier Jim Prentice speak with reporters after announcing a redevelopment project at the Royal Alexandria Hospital. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Royal Alexandria gets expansion

HOSPITALS

But limited funds means Misericordia is left out



Ryan Tumilty
Metro|Edmonton

The Royal Alexandria Hospital will get a major expansion, the Alberta government announced Monday, but it will likely be at least five years before any beds open.

Residents in west Edmonton hoping for a boost to the Misericordia Hospital will

ELSEWHERE

More health projects

The government also announced a new cancer centre for Calgary, Monday, as well as a host of smaller facilities in other parts of the province. The total budget for health projects over the next five years is \$3.4 billion.

have to wait even longer, however, with Health Minister Stephen Mandel saying the government can only fund previously announced emergency room renovations and a study on the building's future.

"There are only so many dollars available," he said.

Mandel said more details and a cost estimate on the Royal Alexandria Hospital plan would come forward, but for now they don't want to release too much.

"The last thing we want to say is how much we are going to spend on something, because all of a sudden that becomes the price," he said.

AHS CEO Vickie Kaminski said for the same reason it's too early to detail exactly when a new facility might open.

"Just like it is unwise to put a price tag on something, it is unwise to put a timeline on something until we know what that something

is," he said.

Andrew Otway, president of the Royal Alexandria Foundation, said building a new hospital that does away with the current four-bed rooms is absolutely essential.

"Four-bed units are not an appropriate standard of care for a modern hospital," he said. "There is a lack of dignity in a four-bed unit."

In a statement, Patrick Dumelie, president and CEO of Covenant Health, which manages the Misericordia, said they're glad the province is working toward a plan for the facility.

"For Covenant Health the Misericordia remains our top infrastructure priority," he said.

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Two men charged in grisly crime trail

JENNINGS AND EDMONDS

Police allege involvement in home invasions, torture, killings

An Edmonton man accused of home invasions with weapons and the torture of victims has been charged with two

counts of murder and several other charges.

Sean Jacob Jennings, 27, faces a second-degree murder charge in the July 2014 shooting death of Alo Deng, in Edmonton, and a first-degree murder charge in the unrelated shooting of Theoren Gregory Poitras, 25, in B.C. in October 2014.

Deng was shot during an argument between two

groups who met late at night in Edmonton's popular Whyte Ave. area.

Meanwhile in B.C., police said the Poitras shooting was a "targeted" killing and that Poitras had gang ties.

Poitras, 23, was found lying in a pool of blood near an elementary school.

Police say their investigation yielded evidence related to several shootings, robber-

ies and violent home invasions involving the torture and mutilation of people in both Edmonton and Lower Mainland, B.C.

Mounties in B.C. describe a "crime group," also involved in drug trafficking, as being responsible.

Collaboration between Edmonton police, the RCMP in B.C. and other police forces in that province on the case

yielded more than 50 charges.

A second Edmonton man, Peter Blake Edmonds, 24, has been charged with being an accessory after the fact in the Poitras murder for allegedly assisting to get rid of evidence.

Edmonds, 24, is also charged with using a firearm in the commission of an indictable offence. Police expect others to be charged

in the coming weeks. Deputy police chief Brian Simpson with the Edmonton police said the violence is related to street-level crime.

"The undercurrent to everything that goes on basically is money," he said. "And a lot of it is about saving face and disrespect and having power."

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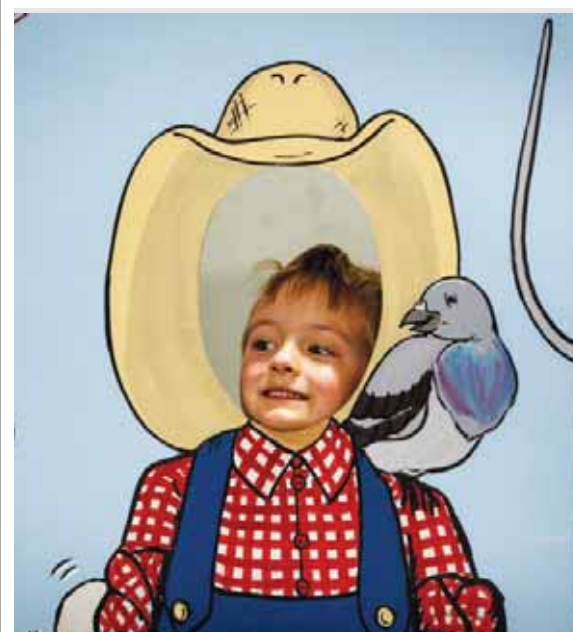
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A young boy stretches to get his photo taken in a cutout at the 2014 Calgary Stampede. JEFF MCINTOSH/CANADIAN PRESS

NORTHLANDS AND STAMPEDE

Fairs must endure fair share of budget pain says minister

Edmonton Northlands and the Calgary Stampede are feeling the kick of the Alberta government's budget cuts this year.

Alberta Agriculture is reducing its financial support of the non-profit organizations by \$2 million. They have been getting about \$10 million each annually from the government to support the fairs and exhibitions they put on.

Associate agriculture minister Everett McDonald says the Stampede and Northlands help teach people in urban areas about life in rural Alberta.

But the organizations must share some of the \$16 million in cuts to the department, he says.

"These are just difficult

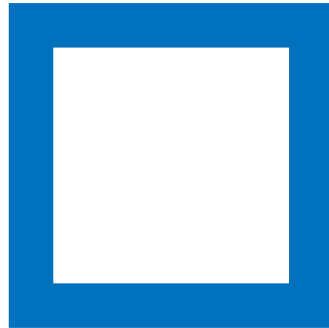
times," he said Monday. "We are asking everybody to just be more responsible and look for other (funding) sources."

Tim Reid, president of Northlands, said the organization was surprised by the 20 per cent cut. He said it was no secret the province was in financial trouble, but Northlands was expecting a reduction of between five and 10 per cent.

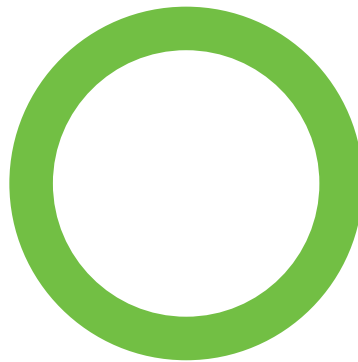
The organization will have to reduce some of its programming and hire fewer part-time staff for major events such as Farm Fair International held in November.

"We are certainly caught off guard by the size of it. We just simply won't be able to deliver as much as we have in the past." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Age restrictions in condos to stay legal in Alberta

HOUSING

Parents say it can be tough to find a place to live downtown



Stephanie Dubois
Metro | Edmonton

Parents with children looking for a reprieve from adult-only condo barriers in the city will have none after the province's latest revision to the Condominium Property Amendment Act.

In Ontario, it is a human rights violation to discriminate against age in condos, and in British Columbia, individuals already living in a strata lot at the time an age restriction bylaw is passed are exempt under B.C.'s Strata Property Act.

But in Alberta, condo corporations can pass an age-restriction bylaw, making the building adult-only if a special resolution is passed with 75 per cent of owners agreeing with the bylaw.

"Alberta is one of the only places where we can institute an age-restriction bylaw," said Helena Smith, chair of board of directors with Canadian

Condominium Institute.

Although condo owners with children cannot be evicted if an age restriction bylaw is put in place, the latest update to the Condo Act didn't update age restriction bylaws at all.

"During our extensive consultations for the amendments to the Condo Property Act, our stakeholders did not raise any concern with the current process regarding age restrictions," said Scott Seymour, public affairs officer with Service Alberta in an email to Metro.

Parents looking for rentals or condos in downtown Edmonton have told Metro that it can be difficult to find properties if you have children, since many are already classified as adult-only buildings.

Corporate commercial lawyer Robert Noce says he has worked with condo boards in the past to draft bylaws for age restrictions or to ban pets since, ultimately, it's up to owners how they want their building to operate and who lives there.

"As long as the rules are not contrary to public policy, I think it's perfectly legitimate for owners to decide how they want to live," Noce said, adding there are other options for families in the city looking

for a place to live. "I would suspect the opportunities for kids in condominium living increase in the suburbs than they would in downtown Edmonton."

According to the provincial government, the changes to the Condo Property Act addresses more protection for existing owners and purchasers and does not "interfere in a condominium corporation's right to adopt age restrictions," wrote Seymour.

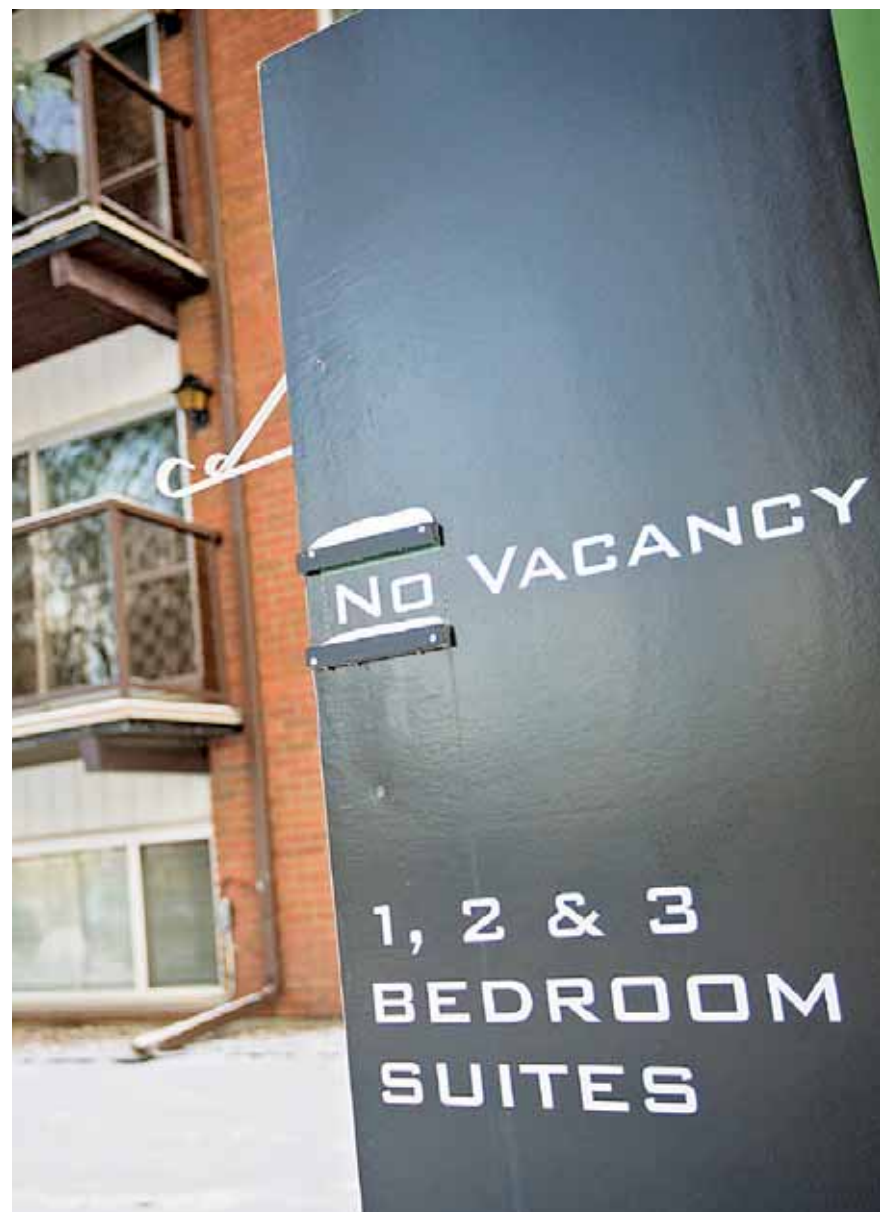
"This right pre-existed the amendments and will continue to exist," he added.

+ BACKGROUND

A condo expert says condo boards don't have the power to evict residents, but can apply to owners of buildings for a special resolution.

- He added there have been many legal cases of late, with people trying to evict people with pets, etc., adding that age restrictions are a "legal grey area."

- A large number of condos for sale right now are centrally located in the city.



Under provincial legislation, condo boards wanting to designate their building "adult-only" must pass a special resolution and amend the bylaws. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

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The Future Shop at 109 Street in Edmonton is now closed but will rebrand as a Best Buy. Reduced consumer confidence is one of the legacies of business closures, says an expert. TOPHER SEGUIN/FOR METRO

Expert fears small retailers could 'fall like dominoes'

BUSINESS

Store closures continue across the city

Lucy Haines
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's retail landscape shifted yet again this week with the sudden closure of several Future Shop locations, only a few of which will re-

open as Best Buy stores in the coming weeks.

The news follows several business closures in recent months, from the departure of Target, Sony Corp., Mexx Canada and several Sears Canada stores to those with more local impact: Sobeys, 29 Armstrong and Roast Coffeehouse on 104th Street, Ethan Allen on 109th Street, Family Foods on Jasper and 118th Street and Westmount's Café de Ville.

Amedeo Pagliuso spent eight years as an independent retailer in downtown Edmonton

before closing the doors of 29 Armstrong last month.

The nature of his business — imported furniture and design objects — wasn't a good pair with foot traffic, Pagliuso said. But more worryingly, he said retail is dead or dying across the city.

"We have no outdoor shopping areas in Edmonton," Pagliuso said in an interview with Metro.

"Food and beverage businesses may make a go of it, but the high cost of store space and wages means retail is dis-



Food and beverage businesses may make a go of it, but the high cost of store space and wages means retail is disappearing.

Businessman Amedeo Pagliuso

appearing. In my time on 104th Street, 11 retailers went out of business."

Reduced consumer confidence is one of the worrying legacies of business closures, according to Surjit Singh Rai, marketing instructor at NAIT's

JR Shaw School of Business.

"When big retailers go, it can frighten smaller ones; they can fall like dominoes," he said.

"Oil prices and the increased taxes in the Prentice budget are affecting Alberta consumers. It can make people say,

+ CLOSURES

Of six Edmonton-area Future Shop stores, three are closing for good, while three will convert to Best Buy stores, including the downtown store on 109th Street, and the 137th Avenue location.

"We'd better start saving.' It will hit sales of big-ticket items," he said.

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Fear of flying 'just a lack of knowledge'

EDUCATION

Course teaches participants ins and outs of air travel



Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

A flight simulator company has found a new use for their replica Boeing 777 cockpit: helping people conquer their fear of flying.

At uFly Simulator in Mississauga, aviophobes can tackle their turbulence terrors via a three-hour, one-on-one course with instructor Luigi Salvi.

Most people are afraid of air travel because they don't know how planes work, Salvi said.

The uFly course teaches the ins and outs of air travel, from what sounds to expect when the landing gear is deployed to what



Luigi Salvi, an experienced pilot and instructor of uFly's Fear of Flying course, explains the workings of the standard commercial jet cockpit from inside the uFly flight simulator in Mississauga, Ont. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO IN TORONTO

happens behind the cockpit door.

"Usually fear is just a lack of knowledge," Salvi said. "If you know how everything works,

it's not such a big deal."

Despite a recent spate of headline-grabbing aircraft accidents — from Malaysian Air flight MH370

to Sunday's crash landing at Halifax's Stanfield Airport — Salvi says business remains steady regardless of what's in the news.

"It's not like 30 or 40 years ago when air travel was still new," he said. "Flying is a very regular thing for people, and most of us realize it's still one of the safest ways to travel."

Salvi works with each participant to figure out what triggers their fear of flying and addresses that in the course. For example, one participant became terrified when the air conditioner on board stopped when the engine started.

"It's not broken or anything," Salvi explained. "They just need all the available air pressure to start the engine."

And if a client is coming in to get help with an upcoming trip, Salvi will walk them through the details of their specific flight plan. Salvi said he'll also consult with them after their flight, and added about 80 per cent of participants felt the course was helpful.

Amazon testing drone delivery in B.C.



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Canada's drone-friendly skies have lured Amazon north of the border to test its novel drone delivery service at a secret location in B.C.

America's largest Internet retailer, frustrated by tight U.S. federal regulations, bought a plot of land less than one kilometre from the border to test its innovative service that aims to use drones to deliver packages within 30 minutes of an order, The Guardian reported Monday.

Amazon spokeswoman Kristen Kish confirmed in an email

that the company is conducting controlled flight testing in multiple international locations including the rural test site in B.C., which The Guardian described as wooded and watched by three security guards.

Amazon set up shop in Canada where regulations for unmanned aerial vehicles are more lax after months of publicly lobbying the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to test drones outdoors. By the time Amazon finally secured FAA approval to test a specific drone last week, it had already abandoned the design.

In Canada, it takes less than three weeks for Transport Canada to issue a Special Flight Operations Certificate.



IRAQ AND SYRIA

MPs back motion to extend, expand ISIL mission

Canadian fighter jets will soon be launching airstrikes in Syria now that the House of Commons has approved the federal government's plan to expand and extend its military mission in Iraq.

Federal MPs voted 142-129 in favour of a motion

extending the mission for up to a year and authorizing bombing runs in Syria against targets belonging to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Up to 69 special forces will also remain in the region to advise and assist Kurdish forces in their efforts against ISIL. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Terror bill 'dangerous garbage': May

SECURITY

Tory changes don't bend to key concerns from critics

A Conservative plan to amend the federal anti-terrorism bill hasn't squelched opposition to the sweeping security legislation.

A handful of proposed government amendments, to be presented Tuesday, haven't alleviated Green Party Leader Elizabeth May's concerns about what she calls a dangerous and undemocratic bill.

May said she plans to present five dozen amendments when the House of Commons public-safety committee begins examining the bill clause-by-clause.

Seven leading human-rights groups, including Amnesty International Canada and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, issued a joint statement Monday calling on the government to withdraw the legislation.

The NDP and Liberals have also called for changes to protect civil liberties and improve



Green Party Leader Elizabeth May is calling for 60 amendments to Bill C-51. The Greens and NDP plan to vote against it. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

oversight of security agencies.

However, Conservative ministers appearing before a Senate committee Monday made it clear the government has no plans to create a full-fledged national-security committee of parliamentarians like the ones in Britain and the United States.



The reality is this bill will make us less safe.

Green Party Leader Elizabeth May

The government bill would give the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) more power to thwart suspected terrorist plots — not just gather information about them.

It would allow CSIS to violate the Charter of Rights and Freedoms with a judge's permission,

expand the sharing of federal security information, broaden no-fly list powers and create a new criminal offence of encouraging someone to carry out a terrorist attack. The bill would also make it easier for the RCMP to obtain a peace bond to restrict the movements of suspects and extend the amount of time they can be kept in preventative detention.

Sources have said the government plans to introduce four changes to clarify or curtail elements of the bill, including an assurance that the information-sharing powers do not apply to protesters who demonstrate outside the letter of the law.

But the amendments do not remedy several key concerns of opposition MPs and rights advocates.

"The reality is this bill will make us less safe," May told a news conference.

She denounced the legislation as vague, badly drafted and, ultimately, "dangerous garbage."

The NDP and Greens plan to vote against it, while the Liberals intend to support the bill despite their desire to see changes.

"I still hope the bill can be defeated," May said.

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+ OVERSIGHT

A Senate committee began a pre-study of the bill Monday.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney and Justice Minister Peter MacKay praised the Security Intelligence Review Committee, a civilian body that reports to Parliament on CSIS's activities.

Michael Doucet, executive director of the review committee, recently told the senators that the watchdog would see a smaller slice of CSIS's activities in coming years.

He said earlier this month his agency's budget has been flat over the last number of years. The agency has enough resources to handle complaints, certify the spy service's annual report and carry out seven or eight reviews, he said. Doucet asked whether that would be sufficient to cover CSIS's activities as the spy agency does more.

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U.K. ELECTION

PM Cameron launches attack on rivals

British Prime Minister David Cameron paid a courtesy call to Queen Elizabeth II, then launched an uncourteous attack on his main political rival as campaigning formally began Monday in the most unpredictable U.K. election in decades.

The royal audience — possibly Cameron's last as prime minister — came as Britain's Parliament was officially dissolved ahead of the May 7 vote.

Polls, bookmakers and pol-

itics-watchers say the election is too close to call, and no party is expected to win a majority of seats in the House of Commons.

Some form of coalition government is likely, and smaller parties could hold the balance of power in parliament.

"This is the most unpredictable election we have seen in our lifetimes," said Nigel Farage, leader of the anti-Europe U.K. Independence Party, which

is currently running third.

While issues such as the European Union and immigration will play a big role in the campaign, both Cameron's Conservatives and their main opposition, the Labour Party, are focusing their pitches on the economy.

Cameron said a Labour victory would bring "economic chaos" and threaten Britain's recovery from the recession.

"Debt will rise and jobs will

be lost as a result," he said.

Speaking outside his Downing Street office, Cameron said when he took office in 2010, Britain was on the brink, but now the country was back on its feet and growing faster than other G7 economies.

But Labour leader Ed Miliband argued that for many voters, that recovery "feels like it's happening to someone else, somewhere else."

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Raffaele Sollecito, with lawyer Giulia Bongiorno, talks to media in Rome after murder convictions were overturned against him and Amanda Knox. ANDREW MEDICHINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Acquittals pave way to healed soul

TRIAL

Knox, Sollecito exchange 'good wishes' after exoneration

The Florence court had ruled that Knox and Sollecito had acted in concert with Rudy Guede from the Ivory Coast, who was convicted of Kercher's slaying and sexual assault in a separate trial and is serving a 16-year prison sentence.

Sollecito said he spoke with Knox by phone when they were celebrating with their respective families — his in southeastern Italy and hers in Seattle. Both of them "exchanged many good wishes for a new future," Sollecito said.

Until Friday's ruling, life was a "kind of limbo," Sollecito said. "So for me, the wounds inside my soul, inside my heart ... it's very hard to erase them."

He said he had no immediate plans to see Knox. "Our relationship remains that of friendship," added Sollecito.

Kercher's family has expressed disappointment and bewilderment over the acquittals.

"I am very sorry that Meredith's family was disappointed and saddened by this verdict. This verdict represents the judicial truth, which this time coincides with truth in fact," Sollecito said.

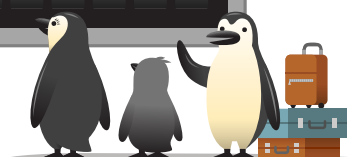
Lawyer Giulia Bongiorno said that as of now there were no plans to bring lawsuits against the prosecutors in the two trials which yielded convictions.

"There are no feelings of revenge in Raffaele Sollecito's heart," she said.

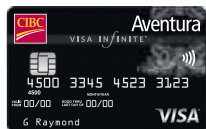
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A needle in the eye

ARCHITECTURE

Tiny spa town in Alps set to be dwarfed by 'middle finger'

Plans to build Europe's tallest hotel structure smack dab in the middle of a quiet, bucolic village in the Swiss Alps are being panned by critics as an architectural insult on the senses.

It was supposed to be a badge of honour. The 7132 Tower would overtake The Shard in London as the tallest building in the European Union at 381 metres tall.

But the reception for the 7132 Tower in Vals, Switzerland — population 1,000 — has been a cold and hostile one, with critics describing the slim, shiny monolith towering over the otherwise sleepy Alpine valley as an esthetic offense.

To be developed by Los Angeles-based Morphosis Architects, the renderings call for a podium that would link the

building with neighbouring buildings; a cantilever composed of a restaurant, café, spa and bar; and a main hotel tower housing a sky bar, restaurant and 107 guest rooms.

The resort will serve as luxury accommodations for the spa town, which draws visitors to its thermal baths and Alpine scenery.

And while architect Thom Mayne says the project was designed to "harmonize" the hotel's natural surroundings, critics have a decidedly different point of view.

"It is a gigantic mirror-clad middle finger aimed at the region. Indeed, it's hard to imagine a more obnoxious gesture to inflict on a sleepy spa town," reads a scathing piece in The Guardian.

That paper describes the tower as a "design statement



Likely (the tower will) cast a long shadow over the region, standing as an omnipresent overblown monument to the hoteliers' greed.

Oliver Wainwright of The Guardian

that verges on farce."

Writer Oliver Wainwright also takes aim at the design's overriding principle: that the tower's reflective, mirrored surface and slender profile will serve to dissolve itself into the landscape, "abstracting and displacing the valley and sky."

"Will his gargantuan stack of 107 guest rooms and suites ... really disappear in a shimmering apparition? More likely they'll cast a long shadow over the region, standing as an omnipresent overblown monument to the hoteliers' greed."

In an interview in the Swiss newspaper 20 Minuten, Vittorio Lampugnani, an architecture professor at the Federal Institute of Technology, also called the idea of skyscrapers in the Alps "an absurdity" — sentiment echoed by many readers who also weighed in on the article.

One of the most popular comments: "Absolute nonsense, economically, artistically and otherwise."

The 7132 Tower is slated to open in 2019.

AFP

107

The number of guest rooms at the main hotel tower.

381

The 7132 Tower would be the tallest building in the EU at 381 metres tall.

1,000

The population of Vals, Switzerland.



The proposal for the 7132 Tower. The resort will serve as luxury accommodations for Vals, which draws visitors to its thermal baths and Alpine view. MORPHOSIS ARCHITECTS/PRNEWSFOTO



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UNITED NATIONS

Iran nuclear talks down to the wire

Negotiations over Iran's nuclear program reached a critical phase Monday, with diplomats struggling to overcome substantial differences just a day before a deadline for the outline of an agreement.

With Tuesday's target date for a framework accord just hours away, the top diplomats from the five permanent members of the UN Security Council and Germany were meeting with Iran to try to bridge remaining gaps and hammer out an understanding that would serve as the basis for a final accord to be reached by the end of June.

"We are working late into the night and obviously into tomorrow," said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who has been meeting with his Iranian counterpart Mohammad Javad Zarif in Lausanne since Thursday in an effort to reach a political understanding on terms to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief.

"There is a little more light there today, but there are still some tricky issues," Kerry said.

Kerry and others at the table said the sides have made some

progress, with Iran considering demands for further cuts to its uranium enrichment program, while pushing back on how long it must limit technology it could use to make atomic arms. In addition to sticking points on research and development, differences remain on the timing and scope of sanctions removal, the officials said.

The Obama administration says any deal will stretch the time Iran needs to make a nuclear weapon from the present two to three months to a year.

Tehran says it wants to enrich only for energy, science, industry and medicine. But many countries fear Iran could use the technology to make weapons-grade uranium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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John Kerry, U.S. Secretary of State

CRIME

Men crash stolen car into NSA vehicle

Two men dressed as women smashed a stolen car into a police vehicle after they disobeyed commands at the closely guarded gates of the nation's spy agency y, prompting police to open fire.

One of the men died, the other was injured and a police officer also was taken to a hospital. Details remained unclear hours later. Initial images from the scene showed emergency workers loading the uniformed officer into an ambulance. Nearby were a dark-colored SUV and an SUV

emblazoned with "NSA Police," both heavily damaged.

It was not known why the men wound up at the gate at Fort Meade, a sprawling military post that houses the National Security Agency, or why they did not obey orders from NSA police.

The NSA said in a news release that investigators have not yet determined how the man in the vehicle died, and the conditions of the wounded man and officer were not disclosed.

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IN BRIEF

Floods force Kashmiris to move to higher ground

Hundreds of Kashmiris in both India and Pakistan moved to higher ground Monday as rain-swollen rivers swamped parts of the disputed Himalayan region placed under an emergency flood alert six months after 600 people died in flooding that left the region in shambles.

Landslides closed key highways, including the one linking Srinagar with Jammu district. No casualties were reported, said Akram Suhail of the Disaster Management Authority. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Controversial Indiana state law to be amended

Indiana's Republican legislative leaders said Monday they're working on adding language to a new state law to make it clear that it doesn't allow discrimination against gays and lesbians.

The measure prohibits state laws that "substantially burden" a person's ability to follow his or her religious beliefs. The definition of "person" includes religious institutions, businesses and associations. Democrats have called for a full repeal of the law. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Questions arise over pilot's mental health

FLIGHT 9525

Andreas Lubitz needed 'regular medical' exams: Aviation body

How could someone once diagnosed with suicidal tendencies get a job as a commercial pilot, entrusted with the lives of hundreds of people? That's the question being asked after officials confirmed Monday that Germanwings co-pilot Andreas Lubitz received lengthy psychotherapy several years ago.

All 150 people on board were killed by what prosecutors believe was a deliberate decision by

Lubitz to slam the Airbus A320 he was flying from Barcelona to Duesseldorf into a mountain in the French Alps last Tuesday.

Lufthansa, Germanwings' parent company, declined to say whether it knew of Lubitz's mental health problems. But it said the young pilot had passed all required medical checks since starting work for its subsidiary two years ago.

The country's aviation authority wouldn't comment on Lubitz's health, despite acknowledging last week that his record with the agency noted he needed "specific regular medical examination" beyond the annual check-up required of all pilots.

"The German Federal Aviation Office isn't directly responsible



You can't see anything beyond the face

Dr. Hans-Werner Teichmueller

for assessing the air-medical fitness of pilots," said Cornelia Cramer, a spokeswoman for the agency, which is in charge of granting pilots' licences.

Cramer said the medical checks are conducted by specially trained doctors but declined to say whether their findings are passed on to the agency.

All pilots must undergo regular medical checks that include a cursory psychological evaluation,

according to Dr. Hans-Werner Teichmueller, the agency's head, but such tests rely on patients being honest with their doctors.

"You can't see anything beyond the face," Teichmueller said.

Prosecutors in Duesseldorf, where Lubitz had an apartment, said the psychotherapy he received took place before he received his pilot's licence.

Lubitz started pilot training in 2008, though it's unclear when he finished the at least three-year-long course and received his licence. Lufthansa said he was certified to fly in 2013.

At the crash site in the French Alps, authorities have identified 78 sets of DNA so far and hope to identify all of the victims.

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BOMB SCARE PLANE THREAT DECLARED HOAX Travellers return to their plane at the airport of Casablanca, Morocco, on Monday after a bomb warning was declared a hoax and their flight was confirmed to be safe. Turkish Airlines said it diverted an Istanbul-to-Sao Paulo flight with 256 people aboard after a note was found with the word "bomb". ABDELJALIL BOUNHAR/THE CANADIAN PRESS

YEMEN

Saudi forces impose naval blockade on ports

Saudi-led naval forces imposed a blockade on Yemen's ports as coalition airstrikes on Monday repelled an advance on the southern port city of Aden by Shiite rebels and forces loyal to a former president, in what appeared to be the most intense day of fighting since the air campaign began five days ago.

The move to block ports appeared aimed at preventing the rebels, known as Houthis, from rearming, and comes after the coalition achieved full control of the skies and bombed a number of rebel-held airports. The rebels are supported by Iran, but both

Iran and the Houthis deny Tehran has armed them.

As night fell, intense explosions could be heard throughout the rebel-held capital Sanaa, where warplanes had carried out strikes since the early morning.

"It's like an earthquake," Sanaa resident Ammar Ahmed said by telephone. "Never in my life have I heard such explosions or heard such raids."

He said he could hear missiles whistling through the air and see flames rising from a military area in the southern neighbourhood of Faj Attan, where Scud missiles are believed to be stored.

Saudi Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri, the coalition spokesman, told reporters in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, that naval forces are blocking the movement of ships to prevent weapons and fighters from entering or leaving Yemen. He said they had not yet intercepted anything.

The airstrikes have targeted at least nine of Yemen's 21 provinces and have prevented the Houthis from reaching Aden, the former capital of the once-independent south, where President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi declared a temporary capital after fleeing Sanaa.

Hadi, who was a close U.S. ally against a powerful local al-Qaida affiliate, fled the country last week, but remains Yemen's internationally recognized leader.

The conflict marks a major escalation in the regional struggle for influence between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Since the air campaign began, the Houthis have arrested some 140 foreign nationals on suspicion that they are providing the Saudis with intelligence on the locations of army barracks, radars and air defence positions, according to the rebel-controlled Interior Ministry. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The iconic McDonald's Egg McMuffin could soon be on the dinner menu. McDonald's plans to test an all-day breakfast at some locations in the U.S. next month. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

McBreakfast ... all day long

FAST FOOD

Chain notes customers want more menu flexibility

A McMuffin for dinner? It might happen, as McDonald's plans to test an all-day breakfast at some locations in the San Diego area starting next month.

The company said in a statement the test is coming in response to customers who have said they'd like to eat breakfast foods outside the typical morning hours that they are served.

The world's largest restaurant chain said the test will include a partial menu and feature some of McDonald's breakfast sandwiches and hash browns. The company didn't say which sandwiches would make the cut.

Fans of McDonald's breakfast menu have long wanted the option to get breakfast at

McDonald's after 10:30 a.m. But offering both the breakfast and lunch menu had been considered logistically impossible, given the tight kitchen spaces of the restaurants.

McDonald's had even tweeted about the topic in February, saying it doesn't serve breakfast all day because its grills "just aren't big enough for breakfast and lunch."

Still, Jeff Stratton, head of McDonald's USA, said in an interview that same month that the company was taking a look at how it could make breakfast available later in the day.

The push to make breakfast outside normal hours partly reflects how McDonald's is working to keep pace with shifting habits. In particular, executives have noted that customers increasingly want foods personalized to their tastes and schedules.

McDonald's said Monday that it was too early to speculate on any outcomes from the test.

Janney Capital Markets had

released an analyst note earlier Monday saying that its industry sources had said that McDonald's planned to test all-day breakfast in the U.S. The analyst note was released before McDonald's confirmed the report.

"Having those breakfast items available to sell all day would also serve as a reminder to customers (and the media and Wall Street.) that McDonald's does indeed have craveable food to sell," Janney analyst Mark Kalinowski wrote.

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Those breakfast items ... serve as a reminder ... that McDonald's does indeed have craveable food.

Mark Kalinowski, Janney Capital Markets analyst

IN BRIEF

Court allows Target to buy back branded items

Target Canada received court approval Monday to buy back branded items, including 28,000 shopping carts, 912,000 shopping bags and baskets, 1,500 checkout lane lights and exterior signage, instead of leaving them behind to be destroyed.

Target had asked for court approval to pay \$2.2 million to reclaim the items, which include the large bronze bull's eye sculpture that used to anchor the meeting area at headquarters in Mississauga.

The items will be put to use at Target stores in the U.S.

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Harper's climate change record? Underwhelming

Elections come, elections go, but Stephen Harper's climate change record remains the same: underwhelming.

What a relief to be able to rely on something in this crazy world, aside from the inevitable melt of glaciers.

Today is the deadline for countries to submit national strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, ahead of the United Nations Paris summit in December.

That meeting should yield a followup agreement for the Copenhagen deal.

Mexico met the deadline. The U.S. is expected to announce its strategy today. Canada, not so much.

The feds are still checking with the provinces for their plans, a government spokesperson said over the weekend. Like they've been doing for years now?

Because it's the provinces that have been leading climate change policy, even signing a Canadian Energy Strategy last summer. Meanwhile, the Harper government has become a kind of international climate change pariah for its stance, which could loosely be summed up as lip service.

"No one, no one is paying attention to Canada any more at the UN negotiations," said Radoslav Dimitrov, a European Union delegate for UN climate change negotiations.

Harper's mixed messages have more to do with opportunism and public sentiment than any deep commitment to saving the environment, UBC professor

Kathryn Harrison said.

In 2002, as Canadian Alliance leader, Harper called the Kyoto Protocol a "socialist scheme" based on sketchy science. But when elected, Harper called climate change "perhaps the biggest threat to confront the future of humanity today."

Then in 2009, the government condemned the Liberals' "job-killing carbon tax" with Harper saying it would "screw everybody." That was despite the Conservatives' own cap and trade proposal.

As for action, the Conservatives have introduced fuel efficiency regulations and banned construction of coal-fired power stations. But in December, Harper said there are no regulations on the horizon for the oil and gas industry.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, then, Environment Canada projects we won't meet our Copenhagen target by 2020, never mind whatever goal the government ends up claiming in advance of Paris.

But, do Canadians care?

Political watchers predict the economy will drive the upcoming election, despite the fact that poll results show 50 per cent of Canadians are "definitely" or "extremely" concerned about climate change and what it will mean for future generations.

Harper has had nine years to take action, and voters have had nine years to judge him.

If we really want to see a government serious about climate change, we could start voting like it.

the big question

Who decides if a plane is safe to land in bad weather?

Pilots make the call, say industry experts responding to Sunday's plane crash at the Halifax airport. They make the decision based on information relayed to them by the tower, which includes runway conditions and other factors — and, most importantly, whether the pilot can see the runway. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Why do bros fear 'being chicked' on their bikes?

YOUR RIDE

Jay Smith



Last week, on one of those terrifically snowy mornings, a fit-looking man on a nice bike nodded at me on my bike in that special "yup, we're both warriors" way.

He pulled up just after me at the bicycle bottleneck — that intersection just at the top of the High Level Bridge and 109th street. Then, as if he felt he had to, he took his place in front of me at the red light.

It makes me sizzle: Male cyclists assuming they are faster than any woman on the road, and therefore insist on squeezing in front of them at red lights. It's pure micro-aggression — tiny actions that express unconscious sexism. I think of it as death by a thou-

sand cuts. Or, more accurately, fury by a thousand men cutting in front of me. Even if they're being polite about it.

My friend Coreen is car-free, a mean bike mechanic, and very involved in the cycling community. And she has had similar experiences.

"Men will pull up in front of me at a red light, or try to race me," she says. "Or if I pass somebody, he'll try to pass me back. What bothers me the most is that I think it's symptomatic of bro culture in cycling in general."

Coreen says she remembers watching a documentary on cyclocross and being interested in trying it out... until the guys started talking about "being chicked."

"Being chicked" is a litmus phrase for male chauvinism. It's when a guy races and, not only does he not win, he's so far from winning that a girl

beats him. Horrible, right?

"It's interesting because ... racing bleeds into transportation or fun," says Coreen. "So you do have people treating it as a competitive sport, doing things like jumping in front of you at a red light."

This hardly helps women feel more comfortable on the road. In Canadian cities, roughly two out of every three cycling commuters are men. Meanwhile, the gender gap is almost nonexistent in countries like Germany, the Netherlands and Denmark. Like so many positive metrics concerning cycling — number of commuters, winter cycling statistics, et cetera — the number of women cyclists rises with good infrastructure.

But it's also a matter of attitude. When I spoke to Tim Caulfield about fat bikes, we touched briefly on the topic of commuting as a competitive

sport. "In a lot of European countries, cycling is thought of as a way to commute. In North America, we came at it from the sport (side). When you're on the bike, you're supposed to be going fast. But do people have walking races?"

Chris Corrigan, a bike courier friend of mine, has cautionary observations. "I think these aggressive male types who have some obligation to protect their manhood should realize ... they could get hurt, particularly if they're not used to negotiating traffic at speed." He tells the story of a guy who decided to race another courier. Instead of victory, he plowed into a concrete barrier, probably going 40 km/h.

Jay Smith is a writer who has cycled, walked and run on Edmonton's streets and pathways her entire life.



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Trevor Noah in his own words



South African comedian Trevor Noah BONGIWE MCHUNU/THE STAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LATE NIGHT TELEVISION

The new host of The Daily Show describes role as 'joining the team'

The deal was done only last week, says Trevor Noah, the 31-year-old South African comedian who will take over The Daily Show from longtime host Jon Stewart.

Shortly after Comedy Central made the news official Monday, Noah, on a standup comedy tour, discussed his new gig by phone from Dubai.

How do you feel to be taking over soon from Stewart?

I don't think of taking over. I'm joining the team. It's a huge ship that has won Emmys and Peabodys for a reason, because it's a fantastic team of writers and producers working to make that show magic. I get to be a part of that now as the host and a face, sharing that space with my fellow correspondents. I feel really confident. All I needed in my life was Jon's blessing. That's what I have, so I'm looking forward to being part of The Best Damn News Show in the World!

You have a much different background than Stewart. How will that affect the show?

One thing we both share: We are both progressives. Obviously where you're from may inform a lot of your decisions. But travelling the world I've learned that progressives, regardless of their locations, think in a global space. And although I happen to be a guy who's not from the same place that Jon's from, I've lived in America for years before I went back out on

the road, and I've learned to love the place. I'll bring something different because I am different, but because it's a team, it'll be the same as well.

You may not have heard: There's a big U.S. election coming up. Are you looking forward to addressing that on the show?

I love the drama around it! That's going to be fascinating to be part of, this time. And that's the environment The Daily Show thrives in, taking that information and deciphering it and getting it out to everybody in a way that's not biased in any way, hopefully, where you're going, "This is the bare bones of what you need to know and how you need to know it, in the funniest way possible."

Although Stewart has called it a "fake news show," a lot of people do rely on The Daily Show as a primary news source. Will that continue?

When you are honest in your comedy, you have to acknowledge the world that you're in. Through a comedic voice you're talking about what needs to be talked about, whether it's race relations or politics or anything that's happening on a global or an American scale. That's exactly the space The Daily Show is in.

How involved will Stewart be in the show once you arrive?

What's great for me is I have in him a mentor and a friend who I can call on, who can give me advice — a fellow comedian, at the end of the day.

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Jon Stewart GETTY IMAGES

+ IN SOUTH AFRICA

Trumpeting national pride

In South Africa, the announcement made breaking news on a national television news station. On social media, Noah's name became a trending topic within minutes, with some Twitter users saying he not only represented South Africa, but the African continent.

"I'm sure he'll turn it into his own thing," said South African comedian Loyiso Gola, who now also hosts an International Emmy-nominated local news satire show.

"Out of a lot of guys I know in comedy, he probably works the hardest," said Gola, adding that Noah had spent years honing his standup routine.

Noah used his biracial identity to challenge South Africa's race issues, using personal anecdotes from his own life. Growing up biracial in the formerly segregated township of Soweto, Noah once said his birth was a crime.

South Africa's idiosyncrasies, from party politics to the high crime rate, provided regular material.

"It's good for everything South African and it's good for comedy," said Gola.

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Loyiso Gola
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IN BRIEF

Sony launches Spotify app on PlayStation

Spotify is coming to the PlayStation, replacing Sony's own Music Unlimited service, as the company continues to expand the game console into an entertainment hub beyond video games.

Spotify hit the PlayStation 3 and 4 on Monday, with a new app adapted for large television screens. Sony says partnering with Spotify expands its music service to 41 countries, rather than the 19 available with Music Unlimited, and offers better tools for playlists and music discovery.

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Ludacris, Chrissy Teigen to host Billboard awards

Ludacris and Chrissy Teigen will host the 2015 Billboard Music Awards in May.

Dick Clark Productions announced Monday that the rapper and model will host the show May 17 from the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

It will air on ABC. Nominees will be announced April 7. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fans give Tidal cold shoulder

STREAMING SERVICE

Support for Jay Z company gets some acts in trouble

Arcade Fire and Deadmau5 are among the artists publicly throwing their support behind Jay Z's new streaming service Tidal — and both received decidedly mixed reactions from fans.

Many high-profile artists have changed their social media profile images to a shade of turquoise and are posting in support of the premium streaming music service.

Other artists who joined in on the stunt included Kanye West, Rihanna and Nicki Minaj.

Late Sunday night, Deadmau5 tweeted: "Tides are about to turn."

The account of Montreal's Arcade Fire, meanwhile, sent out the message: "Together we can make music history. Show support and make your profile photo blue. Turn the tide."

Almost all of the responses to those posts were negative.



Artists are facing backlash over their support of Jay Z's new streaming service Tidal. GETTY IMAGES

Several skeptical users said the wording of the Arcade Fire post would have been more appropriate for a charitable endeavour, not a for-profit tech enterprise.

Midday Monday, the Grammy-winning band dropped the turquoise motif but did not delete its tweet supporting Tidal.

Deadmau5, the dance producer from Niagara Falls, Ont.,

fielded "sell-out" accusations.

For a subscription price of \$19.99 per month, Tidal promises access to high-quality sound, HD music videos and a library spanning more than

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Together we can make music history. Show support and make your profile photo blue. Turn the tide.

Tweet by Arcade Fire supporting Tidal

+ TURNING TEAL

Kanye West, Beyoncé, Rihanna, Madonna and Nicki Minaj were among the music industry notables to switch their profile pictures to teal, to signal boosting conversation around the #TIDALforALL hashtag.

25 million tracks.

Meanwhile, other streaming companies including Deezer, Rdio and Spotify offer a similar service at half the price, and also have a limited ad-supported tier that's free to use.

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MEMORY LANE

Relics from my Gadget Graveyard

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



In a corner of my unfinished basement is a No Man's Land my wife calls the Gadget Graveyard. It's a mountain of obsolete electronics that I've never been able to part with. But this being the spring cleaning season, the threats became severe enough for me to do something about it.

It turned out to be an interesting archeological dig. Here's what I found amongst the old hard drives, burned-out power supplies and dead routers.

A cache of Walkmans: Not only did I find my first Walkman (circa 1984), but I rediscovered my old Sports model (circa 1991). Remember the ones with the heavy yellow cases that were allegedly almost waterproof? The third device must be some kind of rarity because it came with an AM stereo tuner (vintage unknown).

A pile of VCRs: A mono RCA unit (1986), a

stereo model from Mitsubishi (circa 1995) and Panasonic (vintage unknown). They were stacked on a box filled with tapes of me hosting Reach for the Top in 1991-92.

A portable CD player: I couldn't afford a Sony Discman, so I ordered this Seiko model (yes, the watch people) from an American Express catalogue (circa 1988). All you had to do to make the disc skip was breathe on it.

A box of floppy discs: Tons and tons and tons of them. One was labelled "music." What kind of music was I putting on a 1.44MB floppy?

An RCA Lyra MP3 player: It was the first flash storage device I'd ever seen (circa 1997). With a whopping 32MB (yes, megabytes) of memory, it was good for about an hour's worth of music if you cranked the sampling rate way down low. But unlike Walkmans and Discmans, it never skipped. That made it cool.



My Apple gateway drug: A silver 4GB iPod Mini (circa 2004), the first Apple device I ever bought. That sucked me into the ecosystem and — well, let's not talk about it. I opted for the 4GB model because I clearly remember thinking, "I'm never going to need more storage than that. Ever."

And speaking of iPods: I have no idea what possessed me to buy one of those 20GB red-and-white U2 iPods (circa early 2005) for \$450 (\$530 in today's dollars), but I'm kind of glad I did. Brand new models are trading for \$3,000 on eBay.

I think I'll keep that one a little longer. The rest can be recycled responsibly. Promise.

+ NEW TECH

Coachella, Lollapalooza ban selfie sticks

You can bring your beach towels and floral headbands, but forget that selfie stick if you're going to the Coachella or Lollapalooza music festivals.

The sticks are banned this year at the events in Indio, Calif., and Chicago. Coachella dismissed them as "narsissticks" on a list of prohibited items.

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Robin's kids and wife to settle feud

ROBIN WILLIAMS

Estate dispute has been 'excruciating,' children said

Attorneys for the wife and adult children of Robin Williams have agreed to try to resolve their dispute out of court involving personal items of the late actor.

Attorneys in the case agreed Monday in San Francisco Superior Court to meet informally before April 10 on the matter.

An attorney told the court that Williams' wife, Susan Williams, would like to keep her wedding presents, the tuxedo Williams wore at their wedding, and photographs from his 60th birthday.

The children say Williams' trust clearly granted them his clothing, jewelry and personal photos taken prior to his marriage to Susan Williams.

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Robin and Susan Williams GETTY IMAGES



RUMOURED ROMANCE

Mariah hedges Brett

This one is a bit of a head-scratcher. Freshly divorced Mariah Carey has been spending enough quality time with director and longtime pal Brett Ratner that romance rumours about the two are starting to crop up. No, seriously. They each had a birthday over the weekend and joined forces to celebrate, with supposedly extra-affectionate behaviour during the festivities prompting

the speculation. Carey's rep, for the record, calls the rumours "ridiculous," telling People magazine that "they have been best friends for a very long time."

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Mariah Carey
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HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 4

Efron back to roots

How did we all somehow miss that there was talk of a fourth High School Musical movie? And that apparently Zac Efron starring in it was a real possibility? Well, this is the world we live in now. "High School Musical 4 is much more than just an idea ... it is definitely happening, it was not a possibility until Zac overcame what his friends are calling his dark period,"

a source tells Radar Online. Also, director Kenny Ortega "would only do the film if Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens were brought back as the leads." So how is Ortega getting Efron back to his singing and dancing roots? By being there for him during his struggle to get sober.

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Zac Efron
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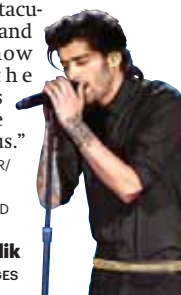
ONE DIRECTION

Zayn cut from band videos

This is how you know Zayn Malik is really, truly, for sure out of One Direction: The 22-year-old singer has officially been edited out of the introductory videos that play at the band's concerts, as fans discovered at shows this past weekend in South Africa. But what does the future hold for the remaining members, who got their start on a reality competition? Possibly more reality TV, as sources tell Radar Online that "Simon Cowell is really pushing to do a 'search for the fifth member' sort of reality show singing competition ... Simon and the management team think that it is kind of a spectacular idea and they know that the ratings would be enormous."

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The Walking Dead won't lie down

SEASON FINALE

AMC's hugely successful zombie series going strong



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Another season of The Walking Dead is behind us, and just as much as ever we're left asking a whole slew of questions. So which are the most pressing as the fifth season comes to a close? Well, it's certainly not when Rick will finally get a shave, because we got that one answered already. But here's what's particularly keeping us up at night now.

Why is Father Gabriel still around?

We get the whole message Morgan is carrying around — that's supposed to be the beacon of hope and all — about how all life is precious, but come on, this guy? First he keeps get-

ting crippled by his guilt over not taking care of his flock, then he makes trouble for the people that are nice enough to look out for him. And the, to top that all off, he leaves the gate open so that zombies can get into Alexandria. That's a party foul too far, man.

When did the walkers just become background noise?

While we've been dealing with the creeps at Terminus, the interpersonal squabbles in Alexandria and the like, the actual flesh-eating terror of the show has crept out of focus to a point where the walkers show up as just part of the landscape, like "Oh right, totes zombies."

How is this show not just about what a badass Carol is yet?

OK, yes Rick is the main character and this finale episode did a great job of re-establishing that fact, but come on. The development of Carol as a character from cowering battered wife to steely-eyed Machiavellian super-woman is clearly the most important thing going on here. If the group didn't



Aaron (Ross Marquand) and Daryl (Norman Reedus) have trouble in their sights on the Season 5 finale of The Walking Dead on March 29. GENE PAGE/AMC

need her so badly, we'd totally be pulling for Carol to get her own spinoff.

When are Rick and Michonne going to kiss already?

Seriously, just make out. You

both want it as much as we do.

Wasn't there a baby here somewhere?

For all the trouble it took to bring baby Judith into the world, you'd think she'd fac-

tor into the plot more often. But for this big season finale, we get one actual scene with either of the Grimes kids — Carl, who clearly is growing into a badass in his own right — and one stray shot of the in-

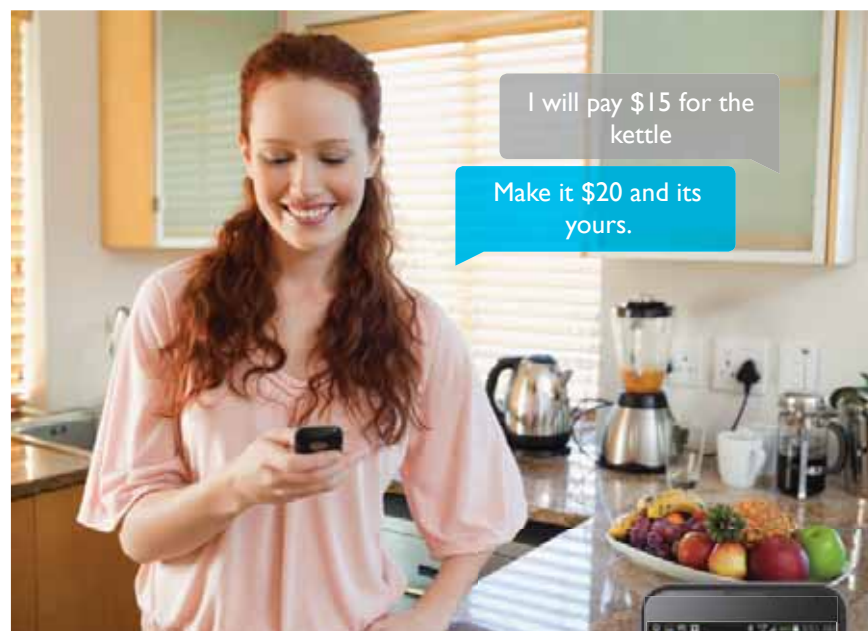
fant. If she exists to raise the stakes, we at least need to see her once in a while.

Aren't we done making the point yet about other people being the real monsters?

Even for a super-violent show about the zombie apocalypse, this one bit of ironic storytelling continues to be as clumsy as ever, whether we're talking about roving bands of malicious rapists, smiley-faced cannibals or Alexandrians who just don't understand. We get it. Zombies aren't the real problem. Find another thematic beat to hit.

Why did it take this long to reunite Rick and Morgan?

Listen, we're thrilled it finally happened, don't get us wrong. And having Mr. "All life is precious" walk into camp just as Rick ices a dude sets up some brilliant dramatic tension for the coming sixth season. But seriously, five whole seasons? That is some intense delayed gratification. And 10 bucks says at least one of the Season 6 episodes involves a flashback showing how Morgan got so good with a bow.



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SCHITT'S CREEK

Dan Levy leaves us all guessing in hit show

About halfway through the first season of Schitt's Creek, it became clear that the most provocative element of the CBC sitcom had nothing to do with its name.

Instead, it was the unusual relationship quietly brewing between fashion-obsessed David, played by Dan Levy, and his snarky clad-in-plaid buddy Stevie, played by Emily Hampshire.

Their quippy odd-couple banter somehow leads to an envelope-pushing friends-with-benefits fling.

David uses an analogy to explain to a confused Stevie — who believed all along her pal was gay — that he's attracted to more than just men.

"We're all very progressive in our writers' room and pansexuality was sort of an interesting topic and something we didn't think was explored a lot," says Levy of the unusual storyline, which he admits has elicited some online flames.

"A lot of the times in TV, it's sort of the will they won't they? dynamic that people really play upon and I think what we've had fun with is



Annie Murphy as Alexis Rose, Eugene Levy as Johnny Rose, Catherine O'Hara as Moira Rose and Dan Levy as David Rose star in CBC's comedy Schitt's Creek. THE CANADIAN PRESS/HO

playing on the 'how far can you take a-friendship?' idea."

David and Stevie's unlikely hookups continue to have repercussions on Tuesday's finale, when David and his spoiled family are more desperate than ever to leave the small-town haven they've been relegated to since losing their fortune.

Levy notes that David's head is "not in a good place" by the end of the episode.

"I think all of the stress and anxiety of this reality that is their new life sort of hits him really hard and he doesn't take it very well."

Fans have embraced the show, which CBC says has averaged over a million viewers per episode.

In the United States, Schitt's Creek airs on the cable network Pop, which recently picked up the show's second season. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Preds on to bigger and better things

The Nashville Predators have taken care of their first goal and are back in the playoffs for the first time in three years.

With five games left, they have their sights set on much more.

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is another goal for a franchise that has never ended up higher than fourth in its 15 previous seasons.

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+ AROUND THE LEAGUE

Blackhawks 4, Kings 1

Defencemen Duncan Keith and Niklas Hjalmarsson scored 1:04 apart in the second period, and Chicago pulled within a point of the second-place Blues in the Central Division.

Canucks 4, Blues 1

Radim Vrbata had a goal and assist, and Eddie Lack made 23 saves as Vancouver opened a four-game trip with a win over struggling St. Louis, which has lost two straight at home.

Simmons smashes Czechs, Russians

CURLING

Canada perfect after 5 matches at world championship

With three days of round-robin action complete, the Canadian side skipped by Pat Simmons is showing it's the team to beat at the world men's curling championship.

Simmons picked up two more wins Monday to remain undefeated at the 12-team event. He whipped the Czech Republic 11-2 in the morning draw and improved to 5-0 with a 9-3 rout of Russia in the evening.

"You're always going to have those ends here and there when you need that freeze or you need that big shot — and he's making all of them," second Carter Rycroft said of Simmons. "The difference is if he misses three or four of them, we're sitting here talking to you at 3-2 or 2-3. It's that simple."

Expectations were rather mixed for the Canadians this week given that they played a limited schedule this season and switched skips midway through the Tim Hortons Brier. But Simmons has shown that he still has the skipper's touch while Morris has settled in



Canada skip Pat Simmons calls to his sweepers during morning-draw action against the Czech Republic at the men's world curling championship in Halifax on Monday.

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nicely at third.

The solid front end of Rycroft and lead Nolan Thiessen has also helped the host side in the early going.

"One thing I think this team has really done well — considering games-wise we're still a pretty young team — is just how natural our communication is," Simmons said.

"The discussions seem to come easy and that's a pleasure."

+ NOT FAR BACK

Defending champion Thomas Ulsrud of Norway improved to 4-1 with a 6-5 win over Sweden's Niklas Edin. Switzerland's Marc Pfister is tied for second.

In the nightcap, the teams blanked two ends before Russia's Evgeny Arhipov drew

to the four-foot for a single in the third. Simmons answered with three in the fourth end and tacked on another point in the fifth.

Simmons hit a draw for a pair in the seventh end and added three in the ninth for the victory.

Canada will play Japan's Yusuke Morozumi on Tuesday afternoon before a feature evening game against Norway.

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The Predators have survived the toughest stretch of their schedule, and a team that slumped most of March is now 6-3-1 in its last 10 games. The loss to Calgary snapped a four-game winning streak in which Nashville beat Buffalo and Montreal at home and won at Tampa Bay and Washington.

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The Predators entered Monday night atop the Central Division with 102 points.

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Canadian referee in it for the love of the game

WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Chenard one of four Canucks named to officiating list

Carol Anne Chenard has the kind of resumé that makes you wonder what you've been doing with your life.

A former short-track speed-

skater for Canada who has six World Cup medals and once held the world record in the 3,000 metres, Chenard has a PhD in microbiology and immunology from McGill University.

The 38-year-old from Ottawa, who speaks English, French and Spanish, works for the federal government at Health Canada. Her expertise is compliance and enforcement, regulating companies whose products involve controlled substances.



What I learned very early on is that pressure and stress is kind of part of the deal if you're going to go to a World Cup and be a referee.

Carol Anne Chenard

And she is an elite soccer referee, working in the cauldron of international play.

Chenard is one of four Canadians named to the officiating pool for the Women's World Cup

in Canada this summer. She is joined by 36-year-old Michelle Pye of Kamloops, B.C., on the list of 29 referees.

There are also 44 assistant referees, including 32-year-old

Marie-Josée Charbonneau of Mascouche, Que., and 30-year-old Suzanne Morisset of Beauport, Que.

Like players, officials are judged by their performance. Only the good ones keep going in top tournaments. Being second-guessed on a massive stage is part of the job.

"I absolutely enjoy it or else I wouldn't put myself through it," Chenard said Monday after the World Cup officials list was released. THE CANADIAN PRESS



TENNIS MILOS STEADIES SHIP IN MIAMI Thornhill's Milos Raonic clawed back to a 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 win over Jeremy Chardy Monday in Round 3 of the Miami Open.

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NBA

DeRozan delivers goods vs. Houston

DeMar DeRozan poured in a career-high 42 points as the Toronto Raptors defeated the Houston Rockets 99-96 on Monday night.

DeRozan, who also had 11 rebounds, hit the final two shots of the night as the Raptors (44-30) won their second straight game.

Jonas Valanciunas had 15 points and nine boards while Lou Williams added 13 points. Amir Johnson had eight points and 16 rebounds.

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DeMar DeRozan shoots over James Harden on Monday night in Toronto

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IN BRIEF

Injured Saggo replaced by debut Scot in UFC

Scottish lightweight Steven (Braveheart) Ray will make his UFC debut next week in Poland, replacing injured Jason Saggo of Canada.

Saggo, who fights out of Charlottetown, was forced to pull out of the April 11 bout in Krakow against Poland's Marcin Brandel, after rupturing his Achilles in training. Ray, a former Cage Warriors world champion with a 16-5 record, has won four of his last five.

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NFL

League sends message with Farmer text ban

The NFL sent a signal of future intent to Cleveland Browns general manager Ray Farmer for texting. However, the league didn't delete any of Cleveland's precious draft picks.

Farmer has been suspended without pay for the first four games of the 2015 regular season for sending text messages to the sideline during games last season. The league announced its punishment on Monday, ending an investigation that hung over the

franchise during yet another turbulent off-season and threatened to undermine the Browns' upcoming draft.

Farmer, who acknowledged sending the messages weeks ago, will not be paid during his suspension.

The league said his ban begins on midnight of the Sunday preceding the Browns' first regular-season game and will end immediately after the fourth regular-season game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Italian Bean Pasta Salad



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Prep time: 15

Serves: 8

Directions

1. Cook the pasta in boiling water according to package directions, or until firm to the bite, about 10 minutes. Rinse with cold water. Drain well and place in a serving bowl.

2. Add the tomatoes, green pepper, onion, red and white kidney beans, chickpeas, feta cheese and basil to the serving bowl.

3. Combine the lemon juice, oil, vinegar, garlic, basil and oregano in a small bowl. Mix well. Pour the dressing over the pasta and toss.

Ingredients

- 12 oz medium shell pasta
- 2 ½ cups chopped

plum tomatoes

- ¾ cup diced green bell pepper
- ¾ cup diced red onion
- 2/3 cup canned red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2/3 cup canned white kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 2/3 cup canned chickpeas, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup light feta cheese, crumbled
- 1/3 cup fresh chopped basil or parsley
- 1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 3 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp balsamic vinegar
- 2 tsp crushed fresh garlic
- 2 ½ tsp dried basil
- 1 ½ tsp dried oregano

Nutrition per serving

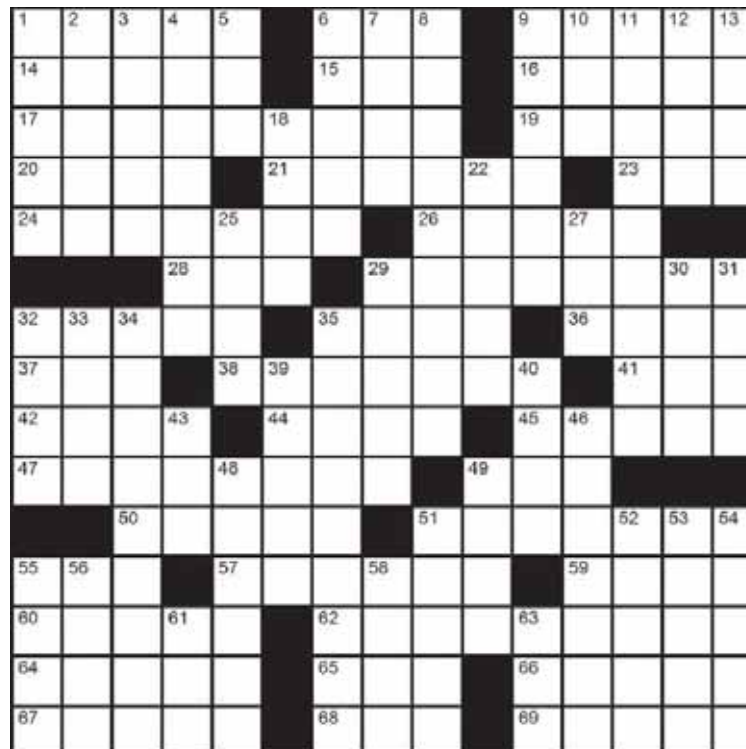
- Calories 333
- Protein 11 g
- Fat 9 g
- Saturated Fat 2 g
- Carbohydrates 53 g
- Sodium 420 mg
- Cholesterol 8 mg
- Fibre 7 g

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ACROSS

- Noisily-eating sound effect!
- Wrongs antonyms, briefly
- They're full of sods
- "_ No Good" by Linda Ronstadt
- Quebec affirmative
- Manner of speaking
- High school dramedy starring #62-Across and Matt Dillon, "My _" (1980)
- Sun: German
- Furies
- Mr. Borgnine
- Stealing bird
- Saskatchewan food exports
- Sparingly supply
- Corroded
- Heedful
- Mosey along
- Tumble
- Scarlett O'Hara's li'l saga
- Tavern
- Eric Burdon band, with The
- Opposite WSW
- Hold on property
- _ state of affairs
- Harmonize
- _ Park (Calgary nature spot along the Bow River)
- Mr. Townsend, briefly
- Writer Mr. Zola

- Perform surgery
- "Low Rider" band
- Comparatively unique: 2 wds.
- Hugo _
- "Moonraker" (1979) villain
- Capital 'A' in CAT scan
- Chris _ Canadian

- who starred as a camper in "Meatballs" (1979)
- Got Z's
- Camel hair garment
- Military doc
- Basil sauce on pasta
- Book publisher, _ A. Talese
- Places

DOWN

- Emmy-winning Sally Field role
- Roger _ 007 portrayer in #59-Across
- Pulitzer-winning poet W.H.
- Dan Aykroyd's vodka, _ Head
- Powder _
- Communicates,

- lion-style
- Go sour
- Restaurant's soup alternative: 2 wds.
- Choose David Visentin's option on his Canadian real estate series with Hilary Farr: 2 wds.
- Ruckus
- Harnessed energy source: 2 wds.

- Marvin Gaye's daughter
- Duck variety
- River to the Ubangi
- Like the bottles for #4-Down, _-shaped
- Virginia willow
- Aircraft in "Top Gun" (1986)
- Soap brand
- Alternative press magazine, _ Reader
- Popeye comics kid, _Pea
- Competent
- _of-honour
- Labatt _ of Canada LP
- East Coast waters gig
- MLBers in Washington, briefly
- Satisfy hunger
- Nice name?
- Mr. Ahluwalia of TSN's "Sports-Centre"
- Commercial area of Venice
- "Pursuit of the Graf _" (1956)
- Citizen of Mork's planet
- Plow: Spanish
- Unexpressed, but understood
- Hollywood VIPs
- Stinging bug
- Car part
- Rhyming scheme
- Appropriate
- Diefenbaker, et al.

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

♈ Aries March 21 - April 20
It might be best to keep a low profile. If you make a target of yourself someone will happily start throwing things your way.

♉ Taurus April 21 - May 21
What happens today should be seen as the culmination of all the efforts you have made over the past few months. Something will happen that brings a smile to your face.

♊ Gemini May 22 - June 21
You seem to believe that you cannot be a success unless you take large risks — and that could be a dangerous assumption. If you must roll the dice, wait a couple of days.

♋ Cancer June 22 - July 23
It may seem as if you can get away

with anything now, and maybe you can, but later in the month you won't be so lucky, so look ahead. Cancer is supposed to be cautious.

♌ Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You may be tempted to show the world how strong you can be today but your tough guy routine will have more of an effect if you wait until Thursday.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Don't visit the same old places today: go somewhere different, ideally to a venue where there is a bit of life. You will be at your best when on the move.

♎ Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Make sure you know what is expected of you before sign-

ing up for something new. You may feel you can handle whatever fate sends your way but some deals are best avoided.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may believe that nothing is beyond you, that you could take on the world and win, but you need to convince other people too. Channel that confidence into something constructive.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Why is it that every other person you meet wants to start a fight? Whatever the reason, you must resist the urge to get involved. Whatever the outcome, you will lose.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Mars in Taurus over the next few

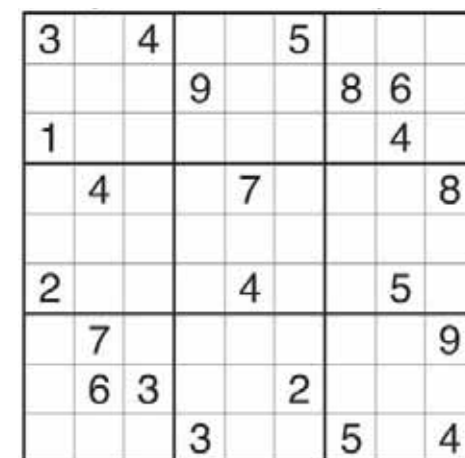
weeks will make you energetic in the extreme. Make the most of it to finish a project that should have been completed a long time ago.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have to get tough with friends and colleagues today but if it is the only way to get things done then talk the talk, walk the walk and make sure others do their fair share as well.

♓ Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Mars in the communications area of your chart makes it easy to say the kind of things that get you noticed, but don't say too much or you might attract the kind of attention you don't enjoy.

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